

SISTERS' ENDEAVOR DEPARTMENT.

The Sisters' Christian Endeavor of the Brethren Church is a regularly incorporated body with qualified trustees. Churches and property may be deeded to them, bequests and donations made, with full assurance that all will be appropriated in developing New Testament Christianity. Remember the Society in your wills.

GENERAL OFFICERS.

Mary M. Sterling, Pres., Masontown, Pa.; Mary E. Garber, Rec. Sec'y., Ashland, O.; Bessie W. Perry, Cor. Secretary, North Manchester, Ind.; Sarah Keim, Treasurer, Louisville, Ohio.

INSTRUCTIONS.

Address Mary M. Sterling for information about organization, charters and methods.
Address Mary E. Garber, in making reports of election of officers, and any information intended to go on the general record of the society.
Address Bessie W. Perry in making reports for publication, and in general correspondence.
Address Sarah Keim in remitting the dues belonging to the general society. Send money by post office money order, registered letter or drafts.

A Definite Object.

The Sisters' Endeavor has a definite object, and merits the sympathy and patronage of every lover of the progress of Christ's church on earth. It is now almost one year since the organization was commenced, and every step taken in the work of organization has been carefully considered and cautiously taken, with a view to permanency and efficiency. "Haste makes waste" is a common saying, and it can not be more true of any other thing than haste in organizing and equipping a society intended to have a permanent and lasting value.

The first definite object of the S. S. C. E. is to gather funds to support an elder to visit church classes who are unable to provide preaching for themselves, and to render such aid as will enable them not only to be bread for themselves, finally, but in turn yield bread to support other struggling churches.

The second definite object is to awaken a working zeal among the sisters of the local churches to spread the truth and support the local elder. One-half of all dues remain with the local society for local uses; and then the Endeavors will secure funds by the manufacture and sale of clothing, by providing lectures with an admittance fee. Our brethren and sisters are coming to the front as educated men, and entertaining speakers on the lecture platform. They can be secured at a nominal price for such service. Where there is flourishing Endeavor, it will be no trouble to secure an audience of say three hundred. The tickets sold at 10 cents a piece would bring \$30. Counting out of this \$10 for expenses, and there are net proceeds of \$20 to turn into the treasury for the Lord.

From these two definite objects, the Society will eventually move on to distributing church literature, bring the children into the Lord's day school, administering to the wants of the sick and afflicted, etc., etc.

Remember the society is regularly incorporated, and every branch organized under a charter is a part of the incorporation. The constitution is built upon the broadest basis of congregational government, with unity of doctrine and purpose.

Let no one stand off and surmise. Come forward and prove the society, before you pronounce it unworthy of hearty support.

A. L. G.

S. S. C. E.

In reading sister M. M. Sterling's article in number 32, and seeing her untiring zeal and courage in the work which has been begun, we feel it our duty as Treasurer of this Society, to give a few words of encouragement, and to become better acquainted with our sisterhood at large.

We trust that you all noticed in sister Sterling's last article, that we desire all the societies holding funds belonging to the general treasury, to remit to us during the months of September and March, so we may be able to report through the EVANGELIST during the months of October and April. We ask this kindly of you all, that we may have system and order in our work. We are ready to receive and receipt for all moneys sent us and hope that our treasury will soon be filled up that we may be able to send out our Missionary. We are powerless with an empty treasury, but, by the way it is not altogether empty at present. A few faithful sisters have sent their mite, which will be reported at the proper time. And we trust though the beginning is small, it will be like the stone which was cut out of the mountains without hands and filled the whole earth.

As yet the Louisville church has not organized, but expect to be ready for work the beginning of the society year, which is the first of October, and hope that all the branch societies that have been

organized will take new courage in the good work begun. That by the expiration of another six months, there will not be a church in the Brethrenhood that will be void of a Sisters' Christian Endeavor. We should be thankful, dear sisters, that opportunities are afforded us to work for the Master, when we consider how little we have done in the missionary field and church work in general. We should at once feel that there is a great lack among us, and pray God to give us willing hearts and hands to give at least part of our means which he has blessed us with, for the advancement of his cause and kingdom, realizing that all we have is from God. In the language of the Bible the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the cattle upon a thousand hills are mine, the silver and the gold are mine, and ye are not your own, but ye are bought with a price namely with the precious blood of Christ. Much rather let us deny ourselves of the luxuries of this life and give of a willing heart, to the Lord, that we may have treasures in heaven, endeavoring to make our lives a success by securing unto ourselves eternal life. For if we should gain the world, all the pleasures of earth, and miss heaven, our life is a failure.

SARAH H. KEIM.

For the S. S. C. E.

I submit the outline constitution of the Christian Humility Society. The Sister's S. C. E. would do well to incorporate it into their by-laws and then teach it by example and precept.

1st. We will not waste any time in making useless trimmings for our clothes when we should be helping our mothers or our neighbors, visiting the sick, etc.

2nd. We will not spend our money for jewelry and fine clothes, while thousands of people are starving every year.

3rd. We will not wear any false colors or forms or injurious clothing. We will not wear little bird heads, wings, etc., in our hats. We will dress plainly at church.

4th. We will not indulge in idle gossip about our neighbors, or slander any person, but we will remember their good qualities and treat all persons kindly.

If these principles are strictly carried out, our Sister's Society of Christian Endeavor will be placed on a basis of doing permanent good.

S. B. FURRY.

Martinsburg, Pa.

Too Late.

As day after day, and year after year glides noiselessly into the past, how little do we seem to realize that the present is all that belongs to us, till memory arouses some slumbering echo and too late chanted in our ear, reminds us of what might have been.

In our eagerness to grasp what the morrow holds in store for us we rudely crush the sweet blossoms of today beneath our feet, till as if in forgiveness of our thoughtfulness they perfume the very foot which crushed them; their sweetness arresting our attention and admonishing momentary rebuke.

Nature's beautiful panorama passes noiselessly before us and not oft times till night drops the curtain and peace settles around us, do we realize that it has passed behind the scenes, never to reappear.

It is not the time to recall the hasty word spoken in an ungarded moment from our lips, after the sensitive heart-strings are torn and bleeding; not the time to enjoy the gentle moonlight when she shrinks back in her modesty from the searching gaze of the day god; too late to teach the little hands to scatter the seeds of grain instead of tares, or guide their tender footsteps after they have reached years of maturity.

When death has stifled the future, sealed the lips and closed the eyes in its last slumber, we scatter beautiful blossoms around the bier, raise marble shafts and carve endearing words on its smooth, cold surface, not that we love them more, but too late have learned their worth.

Would that experience might teach us that it is too late to enjoy our blessing when the past counts them among her treasures; too early when the future holds them up to view but beyond our reach.

"Ever striving and reaching,
But not content,
We long for the morrow,
'Til the day is far spent."

E. JANE MURRAY.

Aleppo, Pa.

Meditation.

"And one of the elders answered saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said, sir, thou knowest. These are they which came out of great tribulation and persecution of every kind."

And this is the righteousness in which they now stand before the throne. They can no more be misrepresented and persecuted. They shall make an eternal progression into the fulness of God, and as God is infinite, so his attributes are infinite. God shall wipe away in the most affectionate and fatherly manner all tears from their eyes, all causes of distress and grief. They shall have pure, unmixed happiness. Reader, this is the happiness of those who are faithful to the Church, to Christ. If these saints had not met with troubles and distresses, in all likelihood they had not excelled so much in righteousness and true holiness. Reader, have you trials? Are you cast down? Remember through great tribulation those that were nestled at the foot of the great white throne did not reach that rest by serving God just when all was smooth in their journey. The great white throne will soon appear, then you and I must draw near.

CLARA FLORA.

Dallas Centre, Iowa.

It is greed, and laziness, and selfishness, not hunger, or weariness, or cold, that takes the dignity out of a man and makes him look mean.

Death has the power of transfiguring to us our departed. The weakness and sharp edges of their character—the blemishes and deficiencies—are walled in with their coffins, and only what is bright and tender and sweet haunt our recollections when a month is gone. The best of all, our dead never leave the hearth or heart. In the ecstasy of this sweet experience the child of God never sees the death of his loved ones.—N. O. Advocate.

OUR DEAD.

COSNER.—On July 31st, Charles Cosner, aged 1 year, 6 months and 5 days. Funeral services by

A. A. COBER.

MILLER.—Mrs. Mary Miller, August 6th, 1888. Aged 77 years and 10 days. Funeral services by

A. A. COBER.

ENSLow.—Sister Anna Enslow, of Pasadena, Los Angeles, Co., Cal., on July 12th, after lingering sickness of several months. She leaves a husband and three children, two sons and a daughter to mourn her loss. She requested that her funeral should be preached by the undersigned, at Maple Park, Neosho Co., Kans., where her parents, brothers and sisters reside. In her death the church loses a devoted Christian, and a constant prayerful worker. Her dying council to the children was, that they should dedicate themselves to the Lord and meet her in heaven. "One by one they are gathering home."

A. J. HIXSON.

BROADHURST.—Bro. Stephen Broadhurst was born in the State of Ohio, the 31st day of October, 1825. Died August 1st, 1888, near Jennie Lind, Calaveras County, Cal., aged 62 years, 9 months. Bro. Broadhurst came to California in the year 1848, and while crossing the plains became acquainted with, and married Miss Rebecca McCombs. Arriving here in the days of mining excitement, he went into the mines to work, with no capital, save strong arms, and a willing mind. After a few months of mining he had accumulated the snug little sum of \$8,000. He then moved to Napa County, this state, where he bought property, and experienced financial reverses, and had to start anew again several times. Soon after going to Napa, he united with the Baptist church and lived a member of that church for several years, when he became acquainted with Eld. Geo. Wolfe, who was preaching in Napa County. Bro. Broadhurst decided after a short time of consideration to unite with the Brethren church, and was baptized by Elder Wolfe. A number of others united with the church at that time, and a local organization was effected and Bro. Stephen was chosen to the ministry. He was very zealous in his calling, and traveled and preached considerable.

He was more successful as a fireside talker, than as a speaker in the pulpit. He was comparatively without education, but felt the Lord called him to preach without it. Possessed strong will-power, which seemed to amount sometimes to stubbornness. His was a very social nature and he always had time to stop and talk on religion to any and everybody who wanted to talk with him. If he excelled in any Christian virtue it was his hospitality. He was largely "given to hospitality." During our late church troubles he joined hands with our Conservative Brethren though he did not unite with them.

During his last sickness he called for the "Elders of the church," and Bro. C. E. Doty and myself answered his call and anointed him with oil in the name of the Lord. He preferred to be buried in the Union cemetery near Lathrop, where many of our Brethren are resting. He was accordingly brought by his family, distance 35 miles to this place. A number of our brethren and friends met with the bereaved ones, when the last sad rites were attended to. Bro. Broadhurst leaves a wife, one son and four daughters to mourn his loss. He was a kind husband and father, and an esteemed neighbor.

J. P. WOLFE.

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